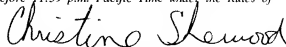


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 Application No. : 10/799,143
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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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Total Claims Fee	23	*23	0	x \$25.00	x \$50.00	
Independent Claims	5	** 6	0	x \$105.00	x \$210.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$185.00	\$370.00	
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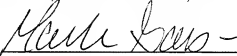
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X_____ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
X_____ Other enclosures: Information Disclosure Statement with Fee; Form
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